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1. WHILE DHEW WILLING RESCHEDULE ABDELLAH VISIT, WE BELIEVE FIRST STEP TOWARD ADVANCING COOPERATION SHOULD BE DESIGNATION ARGENTINE EXCHANGE COORDINATORS. U.S. EXCHANGE COORDINATORS DESIGNATED OFFICIALLY IN LETTER TO THEN UNDERSECRETARY OF HEALTH GONZALEZ IN JANUARY 1973; ARGENTINA HAS NOT REPEAT NOT DESIGNATED COORDINATORS FOR ANY OF THE AGREED AREAS INCLUDING NURSING WHICH DR. ABDELLAH REPRESENTS. ON U.S. SIDE, EXCHANGE COORDINATOR DESIGNATED IN JAN. FOR DRUG ABUSE AREA NO LONGER WITH DRUG PROGRAM. HENCE, A NEW EXCHANGE COORDINATOR FOR THIS AREA WILL BE NAMED.

2. DHEW SUGGESTS THAT NEXT STEP BE LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH EDWARDS TO NEW ARGENTINE UNDERSECRETARY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LIOTTA PROPOSING ABDELLAH VISIT, INQUIRING ABOUT STATUS DESIGNATION ARGENTINE COORDINATORS, AND ADVISING NAME OF NEW EXCHANGE COORDINATOR FOR DRUG ABUSE AREA. LETTER COULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENT TO EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY TO LIOTTA. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE

THIS MATTER.

3. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION RE IMPLICATIONS FOR
HEALTH COOPERATION OF CREATION NEW SECRETARY FOR SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY DESCRIBED IN REF (B) AS WELL AS MORE DETAILS ON NEW
FOREIGN GRANT REGULATIONS WHICH CONICET DEVELOPING. LATTER HAS
IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR DHEW DOLLAR GRANT PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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